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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Robert Ward Carter and Robert Williams Carter  
Serial No. Group No.: Not yet assigned  
Filed: July 9, 1999 Examiner: Not yet assigned  
For: **"DEVICE AND METHOD FOR TRENCHLESS REPLACEMENT  
OF UNDERGROUND PIPE"**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL - APPLICANT'S AGE  
(37 CFR § 1.102(c) and MPEP § 708.02 IV)**

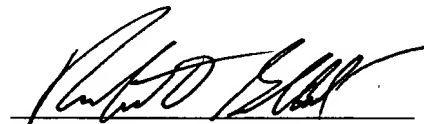
Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special on the basis that one of the co-applicants is over 65 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is a declaration by co-applicant Robert Williams Carter that he is over 65 years of age.

No fee is required with this petition in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.102(c).

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 9, 1999

  
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**DECLARATION OF APPLICANT RE PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

I, Robert Williams Carter, hereby state:

1. I am one of the inventors of the patent application entitled "Device for Trenchless Replacement of Underground Pipe".
2. I am over 65 years of age.
3. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application and any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: July 7, 1999



Robert Williams Carter